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1. REFTELS RELATE TO PREVIOUS GOS ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE
ADDITIONAL C-130 AIRCRAFT. GOS HAS NOT SHOWN INTEREST IN
AUSTRALIAN C-130A'S DUE TO THEIR ACKNOWLEDGED POOR CONDITION
AND QUESTION OF FUTURE SUPPORTABILITY.

2. IN RECENT MONTHS GOS HAS CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE SEURCH
(WORLD-WIDE) FOR ANY POSSIBLE SOURCE OF C-130 AIRCRAFT, INCLUD-
ING EQUIVALENT CIVILIAN VERSION. ON OR ABOUT 18 AUGUST 1977
TWO REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE AIR FORCE (RSAF) OFFICERS TRAVELED
TO MIAMI FOR VIEWING/TALKS CONCERNING LOCKHEED L100-20 HERCULES
AIRCRAFT BEING OFFERED BY TIGER AIR INC. RESULTS OF THAT
PROSPECTIVE PURCHASE ARE AS YET UNKNOWN. (USAF MTAT HERE IN
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SINGAPORE HAS ADVISED RSAF AGAINST HASTY PURCHASE OF
WELL-WORN CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH WOULD ALSO COMPOUND
THE NON-STANDARDIZATION OF EQUIPMENT PROBLEMS CURRENTLY
EXISTING IN RSAF INVENTORY.)

3. ON 9 SEPTEMBER 1977, OUR DAO HAS INFORMAL INFO
THAT JORDAN HAS TWO C-130B AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR

IMMEDIATE SALE AND TRANSFER, AT A PRICE IN VICINITY OF U.S.\$3.5 MILLION EACH. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE DESCRIBED IN GOOD-TO-EXCELLENT CONDITION. INFO IS FROM INDIRECT SOURCE, NOT FROM RSAF DIRECTLY; HOWEVER, RSAF OR GOS MINDEF MAY SOON APPROACH U.S. DIRECTLY WITH QUERY REGARDING USG APPROVAL OF SUCH TRANSFER.

4. CAN YOU SHARE WITH US ANY INFO REGARDING JORDANIAN C-130B FLEET? DOES THEIR FMS/MAP SITUATION SUPPORT THE FOREGOING INFO? ARE THERE KNOWN COMPLICATIONS THAT WOULD IMPINGE ON, OR FORCE DENIAL OF, THIS POTENTIAL AIRCRAFT TRANSFER? YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE IN THIS MATTER WILL BE APPRECIATED. GDS-83.
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